



WELCOME TO FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
of Champaign-Urbana

Following Christ. Nurturing Community. Seeking Peace with Justice.

Celebration *of* Worship

April 12, 2026

Centering chimes (*Lighting of the Christ candle*)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymnal #851

***Gathering hymn #28**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Welcome & Prayer

***Praising Hymn #57**

“Holy Spirit, Come with Power”

Children’s story and children’s offering (*for Sola Gratia Farm in Urbana*)

Congregation sings as children come forward (Voices Together #512)

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Hymn #740

“Spirit of the Living God”

Sermon

I Can’t Live on Someone Else’s Easter

***Response hymn #343**

“The Things Did Thomas Count”

Congregational Sharing & Prayer (*use the mic or text prayers to Pastor Michael*)

Prayer & Offertory

(Ushers will pass the offering plates down the rows)

Introduction of visitors

Work of the church (*come forward to the podium mic to make an announcement*)

***Sending hymn #830**

“Go, My Children”

***Benediction**

*Stand in body or in spirit. Children are invited to wave the ribbons during the hymns.

Note: Because worship is participatory and not a performance, instead of applauding please show appreciation for preludes, offertories and special music in other ways, such as ASL, silent applause, saying “Amen” or thanking musicians later.

We welcome, without exclusion, all who seek God’s love and grace . . .

You are welcome here, inclusive of gender, race, country of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, sexual identity, socioeconomic status, family status, past imprisonment, education, citizenship status and physical or mental abilities. We encourage you to share in the rituals, fellowship and ministry of this congregation.

Hearing devices (T-coil and over-ear) and a large print hymnal & Bible are available from the greeters.

Childcare (birth – preschool) is provided in the nursery downstairs.

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall - Fellowship, refreshments and children's snacks for ages 1 year through Grade School. Parents, please assist your children during snack time.

Education opportunities for all ages from 11:15am-12pm.

ADULT CLASSES (March - May) (upstairs/downstairs)

Artistic Reflections on Scripture, in the library
Radicals & Reformers book study, in the sanctuary
Coffee & Conversation: Room 13 (downstairs)

CHILDREN – YOUTH CLASSES (downstairs)

Nursery (birth – 2 years): Nursery
Ages 3-5 years: Room 6
Kindergarten – Grade 3: Room 3
Grades 4 – 6: Room 10/11
Grades 7-12: Room 7



ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (more announcements in the email sent each Tuesday)

Thanks to guest preacher, Rev. Brian Sauder, for bringing us today's message. Rev. Sauder is the CEO and President of Faith in Place, a multifaith, environmental nonprofit with a mission to empower people of diverse faith and spiritualities to be leaders in advancing environmental and racial justice, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

Today, April 12, from 2:30-4:30p at FMC – Final day of Nicole Anderson Cobb's Art Show, as part of the Boneyard Arts Festival.

Pastor Deb will be out of the office through Wednesday, April 22. Contact Pastor Michael with any pastoral care needs.

Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 pm in the FMC fellowship hall – Taco Tuesday meal. Come and eat, no signup needed. Bring a topping or side to share if you wish. Help with main items for the meal is appreciated.

Tuesday, April 21, 6:15 - 7 pm in the FMC sanctuary – People are invited to watch a short video of Mennonites in the Twin Cities sharing their experiences of life during Operation Metro Surge.

Sunday, April 26 – Deadline for submissions for the May Vine; email submissions to Cindi Schieber.

Saturday, May 2 from 8 am - 12 Noon - FMC Spring Work Day. People of all ages are invited to help spruce up the grounds and building. Coffee, juice, donuts and bagels will be provided. A list of tasks will be available soon.



Saturday, May 30 from 3-5 pm at FMC – Retirement celebration for Pastor Deb. Please join us in appreciating Pastor Deb and her 11+ years as associate pastor at FMC. Help us honor Deb and the gifts she has blessed us with as we enjoy a program of reminiscing and music, followed by desserts and drinks. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 17.

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MORE ABOUT FMC



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Scan the QR code to learn more about us or to let us know how you want to become more connected.

FMC EVENTS THIS WEEK

(Details at: www.fmc-cu.org/events)

TODAY (April 12)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- Hospitality & Fellowship Committee 12n
- Nicole Anderson Cobb Art Show 2:30-4:30p
- FMC basement reserved for private event 3-6p

Wednesday

- Zoom Bible Study 8a

Thursday

- Thursday AM Bible study 9:30a

Friday

- Service & Outreach Committee-hybrid 3p
- Facilities Committee-hybrid 4:30p

NEXT SUNDAY (April 19)

- Worship 9:15a, then fellowship & Sun. school
- FMC reserved for private event 1:30-4:30p
- Signup deadline to help with main items for Taco Tuesday (April 21 at 5:30p)

THANKS TODAY TO:

Greeters: Dianna Black & Rosalee Otto

Worship Leader: Chuck Gibson

Song leader: Danielle Beard

Piano: Kathy Springer

Children's Story: Phil Martens

Scripture Reader & Sermon: Rev. Brian Sauder

Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: Rachel Miller-Haughton

Audio: Laurence Koehn

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Mary Biddle

Stewards: Clark Breeze & Mark Evans

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Rhonda Gibson, Christine & Arianna Herman (youth assistant)

NEXT WEEK (April 19) AT FMC:

Greeters: Bev Hertle & Laurence Koehn

Worship Leader: Earl Kellogg

Song leader: Melissa Shungu

Piano: Janet MacLean

Children's Story: Rebecca Bare

Scripture Reader: Norma Nelson (Acts 9:1-19a)

Sermon & Congregational Sharing: Pastor Michael

Zoom: David & Hannah Needham

Audio: Chuck Gibson

Worship Nursery: Skylar U'Ren & Laura Lasater

Stewards: Tammie Bouseman & Mary Krick

Visuals: Lynne Sancken

Refreshments: Sam Cox, Bruce Miller & Daniel Needham (youth assistant)